



KENTWELL

GROUP BOOKINGS INFORMATION

2018

Welcome

The team at Kentwell welcomes groups from across the country, and further afield.

We pride ourselves in providing visitors a truly memorable day out. We attract a large range of groups such as NADFAS, U3A, Youth Groups, Conservation, Historical Societies and WI's. We can of course tailor your visit to suit your groups individual requirements.

We hope that you will find the following guide informative and useful in the planning of your visit to Kentwell Hall.

If you would like any further information or if you would like to make a booking, please call the Estate Office on 01787 310207 or email office@kentwell.co.uk

We very much look forward to welcoming you to Kentwell Hall.







The Current Owners

Kentwell is a rarity among Historic Houses, essentially a 16th century house but substantially re-created in the late 20th century by the efforts of one family.

Bought in 1971 by Patrick Phillips, who was not deterred by the house's neglected condition. Works started in 1972 and have continued ever since, in order to survive they opened their doors to the public for the first time in 1976. Despite there being little to see in the early years, many visitors have kept returning to see the latest progress at Kentwell through the years.

As an ongoing restoration project, a lived in family home and working farm, Kentwell is always busy. Patrick and his wife, Judith, have raised their four children here and now their grandchildren who often stay and enjoy the expanse and freedom of the estate.



The House

One of England's finest moated Tudor Houses, Kentwell is not a traditional 'stately home'. A little great house, it remains very much a lived-in and loved family home, something it has been for over 500 years.

With 'guide-yourself' access, visitors are able to see the vast majority of the house. We hope visitors will feel more like guests in a private home, rather than visitors to a public institution.

'I just wanted to say a huge thank you for a wonderful visit to Kentwell Hall yesterday. Everyone enjoyed themselves and said it was the best stately home they had ever visited. The weather was good and we enjoyed seeing the inside of the house and the beautiful gardens with the displaying peacocks and farm land. The meals provided were excellent and very fairly priced for pensioners. Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved for making this the best start to our 2017 outings.'





The Gardens

Our gardens have also been revived and re-created since the Phillips' bought Kentwell - noted for their wonderful sense of tranquility, these are gardens to enjoy in a leisurely way.

From massed spring bulbs to the Walled Garden with its ancient layout, of over fifty varieties of fruit trees from 17th century espalier apple trees to plums and almonds, a traditional potager growing organic produce used in our tearooms as well as the household.

The yew Pied Piper topiary has been designed and shaped by the owner, Judith Phillips. A beehive viewing area and a newly planted butterfly garden are the newest additions to the gardens! All about the grounds are moats, ponds and woodland walks that create an abundance of wildlife habitats.

Our seasonal highlights include carpets of snowdrops which turn with the season to carpets of daffodils and then bluebells. A huge variety of roses accented with catmint are to name but a few. The woodland areas are also a sight to behold in the autumn with a range of autumnal colours on show.

There is always something fresh to see in Kentwell's gardens.







Events

Kentwell's famous Re-Creations of Tudor life have long been a popular attraction, and our Victorian and World War events are now just as loved.

Kentwell is the originator of historical live Tudor events and our Tudor days remain unrivaled in scale. From Tudor life to our Dickensian Magical Christmas, there is something for everyone!

Open air cinema and opera are a favourite during our Summer calendar. Bring your blankets and your chairs with a picnic and a bottle of wine to enjoy on a (hopefully!) hazy summer night.

Keep an eye on our website to find out more.

For a full list of events, dates and further information please check our website or call the Estate Office.





Group Admission Rates

Groups rates apply for groups of 15 people and more.

Day to day rates are as follows:

House, Garden and Farm

Adult - £12.90

Senior (60+) - £11.90

5-15yrs - £9.90

Garden and Farm

Adult - £9.85

Senior (60+) - £8.85

5-15yrs - £6.85

(unders 5's enter for free!)

Groups of 15-29 people receive a 5% discount and groups of 30+ receive a 10% discount.

Private Guided Tours

We do also offer private tours of the house and/or gardens. Please call the office to arrange one of these as they are date dependent and not usually offered when the house is open to the public. Tours provide a much more in depth and personal way of learning about the house and how the current owners have restored it to the present day. Please note private tours must have a minimum of 25 people.

Garden Tour - £15.00

House Tour - £25.00

House Tour and Garden - £30.00

If your group would like to visit during one of our Events please call the Estate Office or email us for price guides.





Eating at Kentwell Hall

Our Stableyard Tearoom is a casual setting, offering light lunches to afternoon treats. Open every day we are open to the public our staff are always on hand to help provide customers with an enjoyable experience. Typical food options include a range of salads and hot and cold lunches as well as a varied selection of cakes that often leaves our customers spoilt for choice!

As a working farm we try to use as much of the produce grown on the grounds in our seasonal menus as possible. These include a huge range of fruits and vegetables from the gardens as well as meats from the pigs and sheep reared on our farm.

Seating is offered both inside our tearoom and outside in the tea garden, however if your group would prefer a private eating area this can usually be arranged.

Please contact us directly to obtain prices for 2 course lunches and tea and cake.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I book my visit?

We do require groups to pre-book. Please call the Estate Office on 01787 310207
OR alternatively email: office@kentwell.co.uk

Is there a minimum number of people?

If it is a private tour you would prefer there is a minimum of 25 people. For any other group visit, groups of all sizes are more than welcome!

Is Kentwell accessible to all?

There are hard paths to follow around a lot of the grounds. Wheelchair ramps are available for access to the downstairs of the house and the Brewhouse. Wheelchairs are also available to loan.

Coach Parking

Coach parking is alongside the avenue that leads to the gatehouses. However, there is always someone to greet the coach and advise where best to park on the day of your visit.

Coach Drivers

Coach drivers receive free entry and a refreshment voucher to use in our Tearoom.



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Where is Kentwell Hall?

Kentwell is just on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Long Melford. Surrounded by numerous historic market towns including Lavenham, Clare and Bury St. Edmunds. Just 30 miles from Cambridge and 50 miles from London, it is easily accessible.

Long Melford is on the A134 between Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury on the Essex/Suffolk border.

We are situated at the far end of the village, just past the village green.

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